

Committee Meetings

SMALL WATERSHED REHABILITATION AMENDMENTS

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 728, Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments of 1999.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held an oversight hearing on National Flood Insurance Program. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bereuter and Bentsen; James Lee Witt, Director, FEMA; Stan Czerwinski, Associate Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

ELECTRICITY COMPETITION AND RELIABILITY ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power met and considered H.R. 2944, Electricity Competition and Reliability Act of 1999.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD NORTH KOREA

Committee on International Relations: Concluded hearings on U.S. Policy Toward North Korea II: Misuse of U.S. Aid to North Korea. Testimony was heard from Representative Hall of Ohio; the following officials of the GAO: Benjamin Nelson, Director, International Relations and Trade Issues; and Gary L. Jones, Associate Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, Community and Economic Development Division; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action the following measures: H. Res. 169, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to democracy, free elections, and human rights in the Lao People's Democratic Republic; H. Con. Res. 200, amended, expressing the strong opposition of Congress to the military coup in Pakistan and calling for a civilian, democratically-elected government to be returned to power in Pakistan; and H. Con. Res. 211, Expressing the strong support of the Congress for the recently concluded elections in the Republic of India and urging the President to travel to India.

FEDERAL AGENCY COMPLIANCE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 1924, Federal Agency Compliance Act. Testi-

mony was heard from Senator Campbell; William Schultz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice; Arthur J. Fried, General Counsel, SSA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; LAND CONVEYANCE

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 189, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the wasteful and unsportsmanlike practice known as shark finning; H.R. 1235, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Solano County Water Agency, California, to use Solano Project facilities for impounding, storage, and carriage of non-project water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes; H.R. 2541, amended, to adjust the boundaries of the Gulf Islands National Seashore to include Cat Island, Mississippi; H.R. 2879, to provide for the placement at the Lincoln Memorial of a plaque commemorating the speech of Martin Luther King, Jr., known as the "I Have A Dream" speech; H.R. 3063, to amend the National Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any one State; H.R. 3077, amended, to amend the Act that authorized construction of the San Luis Unit of the Central Valley Project, California, to facilitate water transfers in the Central Valley Project; and H.R. 2818, to prohibit oil and gas drilling in Mosquito Creek Lake in Cortland, Ohio.

The Committee also held a hearing on H.R. 2958, to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska. Testimony was heard from Marilyn Heiman, Special Assistant to the Secretary for Alaska, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

EXPLORATION OF THE SEAS ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife, and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 2090, Exploration of the Seas Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Greenwood and Farr; Sally Yozell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE PROCESS—IMPACT OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process held a hearing on "The Impact of Executive Orders on the Legislative Process: Executive Lawmaking?" Testimony was heard from Ray

Mosley, Director, Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration; the following former officials of the Department of Justice: Douglas Cox, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel; Neil Kinkopf, Special Assistant, Office of Legal Counsel; and Tom Sargentich, Senior Attorney Adviser, Office of Legal Counsel; Robert Bedell, former Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB; and William Olson, co-author research paper entitled "Executive Orders and National Emergencies".

CONFERENCE REPORT—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS, 2000

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 3064, District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2000 and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be debatable for two hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Istook and Porter.

SPACE TRANSPORTATION ARCHITECTURE STUDIES

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Space Transportation Architecture Studies: The Future of Earth-to-Orbit Spaceflight. Testimony was heard from Daniel Mulville, Chief Engineer and Chairman Space Transportation Council, NASA; and public witnesses.

COMPETING IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on Competing in the New Millennium: Challenges Facing Small Biotechnology Firms. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HAZARDOUS LIQUID PIPELINE INCIDENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation held a hearing on the Bellingham, Washington, Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Incident. Testimony was heard from Senators Gorton and Murray; Representatives Metcalf and Inslee; Kelley Coyner, Administrator, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation; James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; the following officials of the State of Washington: Steve Hunter, Supervisor, Spill Response Section, Department of Ecology; and Mark Asmundson, Mayor, Bellingham; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1194)

H.R. 2561, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. Signed October 25, 1999. (P.L. 106-79)

S. 322, to amend title 4, United States Code, to add the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday to the list of days on which the flag should especially be displayed. Signed October 25, 1999. (P.L. 106-80)

S. 800, to promote and enhance public safety through the use of 9-1-1 as the universal emergency assistance number, further deployment of wireless 9-1-1 service, support of States in upgrading 9-1-1 capabilities and related functions, encouragement of construction and operation of seamless, ubiquitous, and reliable networks for personal wireless services. Signed October 26, 1999. (P.L. 106-81)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on United States national security implications of the 1999 NATO Strategic Concept, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings on issues relating to E-commerce, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Manufacturing and Competitiveness, to hold hearings on challenges confronting the machine tool industry, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold oversight hearings on the Federal hydroelectric licensing process, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on the nomination of Joseph W. Prueher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Martin S. Indyk, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Israel; and Edward S. Walker, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings on the nomination of Joshua Gotbaum, of New York, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine media competition and consolidation in the new millennium, focusing on the Viacom/CBS merger, 1:30 p.m., SD-226.